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SUMMARY. PEKING HAS CONVENED THE THIRD SESSION OF ITS NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS WITH A VIEW TO PROVIDING THE LEGAL BASIS FOR CHANGES IN THE STATE LINEUP. THE HUA REGIME HAS ALSO CONVENED A CONFERENCE OF PETROLEUM WORKERS AND IS PREPARING AN AGRICULTURAL CONFERENCE TO HELP BOOST PRODUCTION. HANDLING OF THE CASES OF "GANG OF FOUR" SUPPORTERS RECEIVED DIFFERING TREATMENT IN A PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL AND LIBERATION ARMY DAILY COMMENTARY SUGGESTING SOME REGIME INDECISION ON HOW TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE. PROVINCIAL SETTLEMENTS OF THE "SUPPORTERS" ISSUE REMAIN TENTATIVE DESPITE GROWING SPECIFICITY OF ATTACKS. CHANGES IN EDUCATION POLICY MAY BE IN THE OFFING WITH THE DEBUNKING OF A TOP RADICAL EDUCATION MODEL AND THE MILITIA LOOKS TO BE A CLEAR ADJUNCT OF THE PLA DEFENSE STRUCTURE AND NOT AN INDEPENDENT ARMED FORCE AS THE "GANG OF FOUR" DESIRED. ON THE EXTERNAL SIDE, A COMMENTARY IN THE LOCAL COMMUNIST

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PRESS HAS REJECTED TAIPEI'S CLAIMS THAT PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER HAS OFFERED ANY "GUARANTEE" TO TAIWAN AND ANOTHER ARTICLE HAS HIGHLIGHTED A SENIOR CHINESE OFFICIAL'S VIEWS ON TAIWAN. MOSCOW'S RANKING REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SINO-SOVIET BORDER TALKS HAS RETURNED TO PEKING FOR MEETINGS WITH THE CHINESE. MEANWHILE, TOP-LEVEL FONMIN CHANGES SEEM IN THE OFFING AND SIGNS PERSIST OF SLIGHTLY COOLER SINO-ALBANIAN RELATIONS. END SUMMARY.

INTERNAL SCENE

1. PEKING'S DRIVE TO BUILD SUPPORT FOR THE NEW LEADERSHIP CONTINUED WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT ON NOVEMBER 30 THAT THE REGIME HAD CONVENED THE THIRD SESSION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS. IN ADDITION TO SOME PRO-FORMA SPEECHES AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS WHICH INCLUDE THE ELEVATION OF CHOU EN-LAI'S WIDOW TO STANDING COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN STATUS, THE AGENDA PROMISED THE APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF OFFICIALS FROM THE STATE LINEUP. THIS SHOULD INCLUDE FILLING A NUMBER OF VACANCIES IN THE MINISTERIAL RANKS AND COULD INCLUDE THE DESIGNATION OF A NEW PREMIER AND ADDITIONAL VICE PREMIERS. CERTAIN AMONG THE LIST OF ACTIVITIES IS THE DROPPING OF CHANG CHUN-CHIAO FROM THE VICE PREMIER RANKS, AND THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT YEH CHIEN-YING WILL BE ELEVATED TO NPC CHAIRMAN OR ACTING CHAIRMAN TO REPLACE THE LATE CHU TEH (HONG KONG 13956). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

2. A NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF PETROLEUM WORKERS FOLLOWED CLOSELY ON THE HEELS OF THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF COAL MINERS (WR 47), AND THE REGIME HAS ALREADY INDICATED THAT IT WILL HOLD THE SECOND NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LEARNING FROM TACHAI IN AGRICULTURE BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. THESE CONFERENCES ARE DESIGNED TO ASSIST THE REGIME WITH GOALS OF BOOSTING PRODUCTION BUT ALSO SERVE TO ORCHESTRATE AN IMAGE OF REGIME DECISIVENESS FOLLOWING THE PURGE OF THE "GANG OF FOUR". LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

3. THE GANG ITSELF CONTINUES TO BE CRITICIZED, BUT THERE IS SOME CONCERN OVER HOW TO TREAT THEIR SUPPORTERS. THE NOVEMBER 28 PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL TOOK A "SOFT" LINE ON THE GANG'S SUPPORTERS, CALLING FOR NARROWING THE ATTACK AND  
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ALLOWING ALL WHO REPENT THE OPPORTUNITY TO REDEEM THEMSELVES THROUGH POSITIVE DEEDS (HONG KONG 13843). THIS CONTRASTS SHARPLY WITH PROVINCIAL MESSAGES WHICH CALL FOR CRUSHING GANG SUPPORTERS AND A RECENT LIBERATION ARMY DAILY EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT COMMENTARY WHICH SIMILARLY CALLED FOR HARSH TREATMENT OF THESE PEOPLE (HONG KONG EEU52). "SUPPORTERS" WHO HAVE COME UNDER ATTACK IN RECENT DAYS NOW INCLUDE MAO'S NEPHEW, MAO YUAN-HSIN (PARA 5) AND USLO REPORTS DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSION OF CRITICISM SESSIONS INCLUDING THE MINISTERS OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND PHYSICAL CULTURE/SPORTS IN ADDITION TO KNOWN CHIANG CHING SUPPORTERS IN EDUCATION, CHIH CHUN AND HSIEH CHING-YI (PEKING 2432). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

4. CONSTRUCTION WORK AT THE MAO MAUSOLEUM (WR 47) WAS HIGHLIGHTED WHEN ALL OF PEKING'S TOP LEADERS TURNED OUT TO OFFICIALLY LAY THE CORNERSTONE OF THE MONUMENT ON NOVEMBER 24. TO BE BUILD ACCORDING TO A "NATIONAL STYLE", THE BUILDING IS

TO BE COMPLETED AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE. HUA KUO-FENG, WHO DELIVERED THE BRIEF SPEECH AND SHOVELED THE FIRST BIT OF DIRT AROUND THE STONE SHARED PROMINENCE WITH VICE CHAIRMAN YEH CHIEN-YING WHO WAS GIVEN SPECIAL TREATMENT IN MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE EVEN (HONG KONG 13785, PEKING 2447). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

FACTIONALISM AND "GANG OF FOUR" SUPPORTERS IN THE PROVINCES

5. REFLECTING MIXED SIGNALS FROM THE CENTER (PARA 3), CHINA'S PROVINCES APPEAR TO BE WAVERING ON HOW TO HANDLE PERSISTENT FACTIONALISM AND "GANG OF FOUR" SUPPORTERS. IN SEVERAL PROVINCES, INCLUDING FUKIEN (WR 47) AND HONAN, STERN MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO DEAL WITH ENDEMIC FACTIONALISM. ELSEWHERE, SEVERAL UNIDENTIFIED SUPPORTERS OF THE "GANG", PRESUMABLY MAO YUAN-HSIN IN LIAONING (HONG KONG 13844) AND OTHERS IN HUNAN AND KIANGSI, ARE BEING CRITICIZED AND MAY HAVE BEEN ALREADY REMOVED. IN ADDITION, A NOVEMBER 24 HONAN PROVINCIAL BROADCAST IDENTIFIED UNNAMED "BLACK ACE GENERALS" OF THE "GANG OF FOUR" FOR THEIR ROLE IN PRODUCING COUNTER-ATTACK, A FILM NEVER RELEASED WHICH ALLEGEDLY ATTACKED MAO, CHOU, AND HUA KUO-FENG AS WELL AS PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS. NEVERTHELESS, MANY FACTION-RIDDEN PROVINCES, INCLUDING YUNNAN,

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SZECHWAN AND APPARENTLY ANHWEI, HAVE FAILED TO ADDRESS DIRECTLY PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE PROBLEMS IN THE OPEN MEDIA WHILE OTHER PROVINCIAL BROADCASTS CONTINUE TO HOLD OUT THE PROSPECT FOR REHABILITATION. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

THE REGULARIZATION OF THE MILITIA

6. THE CHINESE MEDIA ARE CONTINUING TO CRITICIZE THE "GANG

OF FOUR" FOR ATTEMPTING TO USE THE MILITIA FOR THEIR OWN SELFISH ENDS AND A NOVEMBER 27 LIBERATION ARMY DAILY ARTICLE INDICATES THAT THE MILITIA WILL BE BROUGHT UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL OF RELEVANT PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY UNITS WITH GENERAL SUPERVISION BY LOCAL PARTY COMMITTEES. THE ARTICLE ACCUSED THE "GANG OF FOUR" OF ATTEMPTING TO CREATE A "SECOND ARMED FORCE", INDEPENDENT OF THE REGULAR MILITARY COMMAND SYSTEM, IN ORDER TO ATTACK LOCAL PARTY, STATE AND ARMY LEADERS. ATTEMPTS TO USE THE MILITIA AS A POLITICAL FORCE WILL NO LONGER BE TOLERATED WITH MILITIA ACTIVITIES CONFINED TO BACK-UP SUPPORT FOR REGULAR PLA AND PUBLIC SECURITY DEPARTMENTS, THE ARTICLE STATED. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EDUCATIONAL POLICY CHANGES COMING

7. THE ATTACK ON MODEL STUDENT CHANG TIEH-SHENG, WIDELY ACCLAIMED IN 1973-74 BY THE RADICALS FOR SHOWING HIS CONTEMPT FOR THE "BOURGEOIS EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM" AND HANDING IN A BLANK EXAM PAPER, COULD POINT TO CHANGES IN NATION-WIDE EDUCATION POLICY (HONG KONG 13844). A NOVEMBER 23 KWANGMING DAILY ARTICLE CARRIED THE CRITICISM OF "THAT UNIVERSITY STUDENT" WHO WAS SUPPORTED BY A "SWORN FOLLOWER OF THE GANG" IN LIAONING PROVINCE, AND FURTHER ATTACKS ON CHANG FOR HIS OWN ATTEMPTS TO SEEK ADVANCEMENT APPEARED IN AN NCNA RELEASE OG NOVEMBER 28. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

YANG KAI-HUI HONORED

8. A NOVEMBER 25 HUNAN PROVINCIAL BORADCAST REPORTED A CEREMONY HELD TO COMMEMORATE THE 46TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARTYRDOM OF MAO'S SECOND WIFE, YANG KAI-HUI. DESCRIBING THE MEETING AT HER MAUSOLEUM IN "HAIHUI" COMMUNE, THE MESSAG LAVISHES PRAISE ON YANG FOR HER LOYALTY AND COURAGE SHOWN IN DEFENSE OF MAO AND THE COMMUNIST EFFORT BEFORE HER DEATH IN A NATIONALIST PRISON. THE ATTENTION PAID TO YANG'S ROLE IN PROMOTING THE REVOLUTION AT THIS TIME CONTRASTS STARKLY WITH THE CRITICISM OF CHIANG CHING FOR HER OPPORTUNISM AND HER SUPPORT OF THE NATINALISTS THROUGH DONATING EARNINGS FROM HER FILMS TO CHIANG KAI-SHEK (HONG KONG A-185). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

9. THE BROADCAST DOES NOT LEAVE THE LISTENER WITH ANY ILLUSIONS ABOUT THE CONTRAST WITH MAO'S FOURTH WIFE CHIANG CHING, AND SPECIFICALLY NOTES THE ATTENDEES' INDIGNATION AT HER CRIMES THIS CONTRAST SERVES TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON THE QUESTION OF MAO'S OWN CULPABILITY FOR THE ACTIVITIES OF THE

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"GANG OF FOUR" AND HIS INABILITY TO CONTROL THEM, PARTICULARLY HIS WIFE. CONTINUED CRITICISM OF CHIANG CHING, LIKE CRITICISM OF MAO'S CHOICE OF SUCCESSORS EARLIER -- LIU SHAO-CHI AND LIN PIAO -- SEEMS LIKELY TO RESULT IN SOME FURTHER TARNISH TO MAO'S IMAGE AND COULD INDIRECTLY AFFECT HIS MOST RECENT CHOICE OF SUCCESSOR, HUA KUO-FENG. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

THE UNITED STATES

10. A COMMENTARY IN THE LOCAL CHINESE COMMUNIST PRESS REJECTED TAIPEI'S RECENT CLAIMS THAT PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER'S LETTERS TO THE ROC REPRESENTED A "GUARANTEE" OF SUPPORT. THE NOVEMBER 28 HSIN WAN PAO COMMENTARY NOTED THAT THE LETTERS WERE MERELY ROUTINE OFFICIAL THANK-YOU NOTES IN RESPONSE TO ROC CONGRATULATIONS UPON CARTER'S PRESIDENTIAL VICTORY. HOWEVER, THE COMMENTARY CONTINUED TO EXPRESS PRC CONCERN OVER CARTER'S PRE-ELECTION STATEMENTS REGARDING THE FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE OF TAIWAN, CLAIMING THAT THIS "OBVIOUSLY WAS A MORE BACKWARD ATTITUDE THAN FORD'S". ANOTHER ARTICLE IN THE PRC LOCAL PRESS HIGHLIGHTED STATEMENTS FROM THE RECENT CODEL CURTIS PRESS CONFERENCE THAT PRC VICE-PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN T HAD REFERRED TO TAIWAN AS A "MINOR ISSUE", AND A COLUMN IN THE PRC-OWNED TA KUNG PAO ENGLISH EDITION UNDERSCORED THE ROLE THAT CHAIRMAN MAO HAD PERSONALLY PLAYED IN MOVING PRC POLICY TOWARD THE U.. (HONG KONG 13845). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

11. AN NCNA ARTICLE LISTING MESSAGES AND LETTERS SENT BY STATE LEADERS AND PROMINENT PUBLIC FIGURES GREETING THE APPOINTMENT OF HUA KUO-FENG AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CCP-CC NOTED ONE FROM RICHARD NIXON, "FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES". AND, IN THE "POT-CALLING-THE-KETTLE-BLACK" DEPARTMENT, NCNA CONDEMNED THE TWO SUPERPOWERS FOR CONDUCTING RECENT UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTS. THE NCNA ITEM CAME SEVEN DAYS AFTER CHINA EXPLODED A HYDROGEN DEVICE IN THE ATMOSPHERE (NCNA NOVEMBER 24 & 30). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

#### SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS

12. MOSCOW'S RANKING NEGOTIATOR AT THE SINO-SOVIET BORDER TALKS, LEONID ILYICHEV, RETURNED TO THE PRC NOVEMBER 27 AFTER  
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AN ABSENCE OF 18 MONTHS. YU CHAN, THE SENIOR PRC REPRESENTATIVE AT THE TALKS, WAS ON HAND AT PEKING AIRPORT TO GREET HIS COUNTERPART. AS ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, CHINESE MEDIA HAVE REFRAINED FROM MENTION OF ILYICHEV'S RETURN AND MARKED THE DAY OF HIS ARRIVAL WITH AN ANTI-SOVIET PIECE. THE NOVEMBER 27 NCNA CORRESPONDENT ARTICLE FROM NAIROBI BLASTED THE NEW CZARS AS BEING "OUT-AND-OUT MANIACS OF ARMS EXPANSION AND WAR PREPARATIONS". PRIOR TO ILYICHEV'S RETURN, TWO NCNA COMMENTARIES ATTACKED THE SOVIETS FOR THEIR TOTAL UNRELIABILITY IN TREATY NEGOTIATIONS. PRC MEDIA ORGANS THUS CONTINUE TO CARRY ANTI-SOVIET PIECES BUT CHINA WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE LOOKING TO SEE IF ILYICHEV, A VICE FOUNDER AND THE MOST SENIOR SOVIET OFFICIAL TO VISIT CHINA IN THE POST-MAO PERIOD, HAS ANYTHING NEW TO OFFER (NCNA NOVEMBER 24-29). UNCLASSIFIED

CHIAO KUAN-HUA AND FONMIN CHANGES AND POLICY

13. PRC FONMIN CHIAO KUAN-HUA IS IN POLITICAL TROUBLE AND PROBABLY WILL BE REPLACED. VINCE FONMINISTERS HAN NIEN-LUNG AND HO YING HAVE BEEN PERFORMING MANY OF THE DUTIES NORMALLY UNDERTAKEN BY CHIAO. FONMIN OFFICIALS HAD PREVIOUSLY MAINTAINED THAT CHIAO AND HIS WIFE ARE BOTH "ILL", BUT A SENIOR FONMIN OFFICIAL CONFIRMED THAT CHIAO IS IN POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES. CHIAO REPORTEDLY WAS AMONG THOSE NAMED TO SERVE IN A "CABINET" OF THE "GANG OF FOUR". GIVEN CHIAO'S LONG ASSOCIATION WITH THE FOREIGN POLICIES OF CHOU EN-LAI AND THE FONMIN'S PROMINENT ROLE IN EARLIER MEETINGS BETWEEN HUA KUO-FENG AND VISITING FOREIGN DIGNITARIES, WE ARE INCLINED TO CREDIT CHIAO'S POLITICAL ILLS TO PALACE INTRIGUES SURROUNDING THE "GANG OF FOUR" RATHER THAN POLICY DIFFERENCES. HIS ZEAL IN THE CAMPAIGN TO CRITICIZE TENG HSIAO-PING MAY BE INVOLVED IN HIS CURRENT DIFFICULTIES. SECRET/LIMDIS/NOFORN

14. MEANWHILE, A PARTIAL TOP-LEVEL AMBASSADORIAL SHUFFLE IS UNDERWAY. WANG SHU HAS ENDED HIS TOUR AS PRC AMBASSADOR TO GERMANY. PRC AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN CHEN CHU WILL BE ENDING HIS TOUR DECEMBER 17, AND CHINA'S AMBASSADOR TO CANADA, CHANG WEN-CHIN, REPORTEDLY IS RETURNING TO PEKING. NCNA HAS ALSO REPORTED THAT HUANG HUA, THE PRC'S FIRST PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE U.N., HAS BEEN "RECALLED". HUA DEPARTED

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NEW YORK FOR HOME ON NOVEMBER 28. SEVERAL OF THESE SENIOR PRC DIPLOMATS SEEM POSSIBLE CANDIDATES FOR TOP FONMIN POSTS BUT THERE SEEMS TO BE LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF SIGNIFICANT POLICY SHIFTS AS A RESULT OF THESE PERSONNEL CHANGES (HONG KONG 13908, TOKYO 17620 AND NCNA NOVEMBER 29). SECRET/LIMDIS/NOFORN

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15. AS IN RECENT YEARS, A PARTY VICE CHAIRMAN, YEH CHIEN-YING,  
LED AN IMPRESSIVE CHINESE LEADERSHIP TURNOUT FOR THE 32ND

ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF ALBANIA, AND THE EVENT WAS MARKED BY A PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL. HOWEVER, THE CHINESE CONTINUED TO EXPRESS THEIR CONCERN OVER ALBANIA'S RECENTLY CONCLUDED 7TH PARTY CONGRESS BY MAKING NO REFERENCE TO THAT IMPORTANT EVENT. AT THE CONGRESS, ALBANIAN PARTY LEADER ENVER HOXHA, PERHAPS REFLECTING UNEASE WITH THE RECENT PURGE OF SEVERAL CHINESE LEADERS WHO WERE SEEN AS FRIENDS OF ALBANIA, FAILED TO REFER TO THE NEW CHINESE LEADERSHIP. AT THE PRESENT CELEBRATIONS IN PEKING, THE PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL AND THE SPEECH AT THE ALBANIAN AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION, GIVEN BY CHINESE MINISTER OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES FAN YI, REFERRED TO HOXHA ONLY AS "COMRADE", RATHER THAN "GREAT LEADER", THE USUAL APPELLATION ON THESE OCCASIONS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

16. DESPITE THESE RUFFLES, THE ANTI-SOVIET POSTURE OF BOTH COUNTRIES SHOULD KEEP RELATIONS AT A REASONABLE LEVEL OF CONTINUING COOPERATION. CHINA CERTAINLY HAS NO DESIRE TO SEE A DETERIORATION IN RELATIONS AT A TIME WHEN SOVIET PARTY LEADER BREZHNEV HAS JUST CONCLUDED TRIPS TO YUGOSLAVIA AND ROMANIA AND THE SOVIETS HAVE ISSUED A CALL TO ALBANIA TO END 16 YEARS OF BROKEN RELATIONS. RESPONDING TO THE LATTER, THE PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL WARNED THAT ATTEMPTS BY SOCIAL-IMPERIALISM TO SOW DISCORD BETWEEN CHINA AND ALBANIA "WILL BE FUTILE". MEANWHILE, FROM TIRANA, PRESS REPORTS NOTE THAT CELEBRATIONS THERE WERE MARKED BY THE USUAL ANTI-SOVIET AND ANTI-U.S. REMARKS AND THAT THE ALBANIANS MAINTAINED THEIR SILENCE ON THE NEW CHINESE LEADERSHIP (HONG KONG 13924, HONG KONG STAR NOVEMBER 30). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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KUWAIT AND TURKEY

17 THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS (NPC) DELEGATION, WHICH LAST WEEK VISITED IRAN (WR 47), CONCLUDED A SIX-DAY TOUR OF KUWAIT AND DEPARTED FOR HOME NOVEMBER 28. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY KUWAIT, THE DELEGATION HAD NO SUBSTANTIVE POLITICAL MEETINGS WITH KUWAITI OFFICIALS. THE VISIT THUS REPRESENTED AN EXPRESSION OF PRC GOODWILL TOWARD KUWAIT AND THE MIDDLE EAST IN GENERAL. IN A SIMILAR VEIN, THE CHINESE RED CROSS HAS DONATED 100,000 YUAN (ABOUT \$50,000) TO ITS TURKISH COUNTERPART TO AID VICTIMS OF THE RECENT EARTHQUAKE IN EASTERN TURKEY. CHINESE PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG ALSO SENT A MESSAGE TO THE TURKISH PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSING DEEP SYMPATHY WITH THE INHABITANTS OF THE QUAKE-AFFLICTED AREA (KUWAIT 5571, NCNA NOVEMBER 23-30). UNCLASSIFIED  
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